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THE PRODUCTION OF SOVIET MACHINES FOR VEGETABLE CROPS

TO PRODUCE MORE AND RETTER POTATO MACHINES -- Moscow, Fravda, 15 Sep 53

The Ryanan' Ryazsel'mech Plant has been producing the TEK-2 potato digger, which only brings the potatoes to the surface. It then requires 25 to 30 workers to gather and clean a hectare of potatoes.

The plant is now preparing for mass production of the KOK-2 potato-harvesting combine. The KOK-2 digs the potatoes out of the ground, cleans whem, puts them in a basket, and deposits the full basket on the ground. In the past, the plant has been producing 100 KOK-2 potato-harvesting combines each year. The plant expects to produce 1,000 machines in 1953, and 4,000 KOK-2 combines in 1954.

The plant also plans to develop a new cultivator and hiller with fertilizing attachments.

READY TO PRODUCE POTATO-HARVESTING COMBINES -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 19 Sep 53

The Tula Self-Propelled Combine Plant is ready to produce an improved potato-harvesting combine for use on heavy soil. The experimental shop is assembling two experimental models of this potato-harvesting combine /probably the ISR-2 combine/.

PLANTS TO PRODUCE VEGETABLE-GROWING MACHINES -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 19 Sep 53

The Kirovograd Krasnaya Evende Agricultural Machine Building Plant will produce the SON-2.8 tractor-mounted vegetable planter. The plant plans to deliver a large quantity of the SON-2.8 planters to holkhouse and covenous in time for the 1954 vegetable-planting season.

The Rostov-on-Don Frasnyy Aksay Plant will produce the KRM-2.8 cultivator and fertilizer.

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NEW MACHINE FOR CABBAGE HARVESTING -- Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 22 Sep 53

The PKN-1 cabbage-harvesting machine is a small, comparatively light (one half ton) machine designed for use with the KD-35 tractor. The PKN-1, mounted on the right side of the tractor, pulls up cabbage heads as the tractor moves along the row. The pulling device, equipped with a conveyer chain, grasps the root of the cabbage. The conveyer carries the cabbage upward to the top where the root is cut off and dropped into a special receptacle. The head of the cabbage is dropped into a wagon, coupled to the tractor. Cabbage roots are periodically dumped on the field. Later, the roots are hauled away, because rotting cabbage roots are breeding places for clubroot disease.

In a 10-hour shift, the machine harvests 2 hectares of cabbage.

PLANT BUILDS BEET PULLERS -- Moscow, Pravda, 19 Sep 53

The Stalino Agricultural Machine Building Plant has completed its 1953 order for beet pullers.

The plant also produces soil-cultivating machines and spare parts for them. It is planning to increase the production of these items, in line with the decision to produce more machines for agriculture.

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